

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3257

February 17, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides for a special election to be held before the tax rate for a county is set at which voters may vote to approve or disapprove the proposed rate in counties that adopt such procedure by a two-thirds vote of the county commission. Specifies that if the proposed rate is not approved, the prior rate shall remain in effect for that tax year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Forgo Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$100,000 / Permissive

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 / Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- to the extent a local government chooses to allow for a special election on the tax rate and the results of such election prevent an increase in the tax rate that might have occurred in the absence of the bill, the local government will forgo property tax revenues. The statewide impact depends on the number and size of local governments holding such elections.
- an increase in local government expenditures to hold the special election provided in the bill. The impact depends on the number and size of counties adopting the special election requirement. The cost to hold an election can range from \$6,000 to over \$600,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director